

Miscellany

Could we but draw the curtains back
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better
If we only understood!

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the while we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment—
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim external roughness
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! We judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good,
Oh, We'd love each other better
If we only understood!

Lost Art Discovered

A locomotive fireman on the Southern Pacific Railroad has discovered the secret of tempering copper, it is claimed, and already has tempered copper razors to a point where they hold an edge better than our steel razors.

To Have, Give

Imagine a rose that would say to itself: "I cannot afford to give away all my beauty and sweetness; I must keep it for myself. I will roll up my petals and withhold this fragrance!"

But behold!
The moment the rose tries to store up its treasures of color and fragrance, to withhold them from others, they vanish.

The fragrance and colors do not exist in the unopened bud.

It is only when the rose begins to open itself, to give out its sweetness, its life, to others, that its beauty and fragrance are developed.

So selfishness defeats its own ends.

He who refuses to give himself for others, who closes the petals of his charity and withholds the fragrance of his own sympathy and love, finds that he loses the very thing he tries to keep.

The very springs of his manhood dry up.

His finer nature becomes atrophied.

He grows deaf to the cries of help from his fellow men.

Tears that never are shed for others' woes turn to stinging acids in his own heart.

Refuse to open your purse, and soon you cannot open your sympathy.

Refuse to give, and soon you will cease to enjoy that which you have.

Refuse to love, and you lose the power to love and be loved.

Withhold your effections, and they become petrified, your sympathies die from di use, and you become a moral paralytic.

But the moment you open wider the door of your life and, like the rose, send out without stint your fragrance and beauty upon every passerby, you let the sunshine into your soul.—Selected.

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SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by
Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

Golden Text: John iv:24. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Verse 18—Which brings the more lasting happiness and develops the nobler character, and why, the Epicurean philosophy, a life devoted to the pleasures of sense; or the Stoic, Christian philosophy, a life devoted to the service of others, and to self-denial? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

August 1—Acts xviii:1-22. Close of Paul's Second Missionary Journey. Golden Text: John xvi:33. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Verses 2-3—A goodly proportion of the membership of the church have the ability to preach; ought not this ability to be developed thus giving to every local church several preachers who could divide the preaching between them, paying only one a salary, who would thus have plenty of time to act as pastor?

August 8—I Thess. v:12-24. Paul's Instructions to the Thessalonians. Golden Text: I Thess. v:15. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good.

Verse 21—Can the real truth ever be a hurt to a true man, and should not such a man be as glad to change his opinions, when he finds he is wrong, as to change a worn-out garment for a new one?

August 15—Acts xviii:23 to xix:22. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus. Golden Text: Acts xix:17. The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Verse 28—Why is it that God has conditioned all extension of human progress and betterment, including salvation itself, upon the zeal, ability, and goodness, of those who already enjoy its benefits?

August 22—Acts xix:23 to xx:1. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—The Riot in Ephesus. Golden Text, II Cor. xii:9. He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Verses 23-27—When the general welfare of the people is injured by the business of the few, is it, or not, the duty of the State to make such business illegal?

August 29—I Cor. xiii:13. Paul on Christian Love. Golden Text: I Cor. xiii:13. Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Verses 4-7—Why is it that love tends to promote patience, politeness, kindness, gentleness, humility and every other virtue?

September 5—Acts xx:2-38. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Farewells. Golden Text: Phil iv:13. I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

Verses 7-12—Why is it that church members will listen unwearied, for hours, to a political speech, and get tired of even a good sermon, if it lasts longer than thirty minutes?

September 12—Acts xxi:1-17. Close of Paul's Third Missionary Journey. Golden Text: Acts xxi:14. The will of the Lord be done.

Verses 8-9—Should Christian parents train their children from infancy to know God, to be skilful in prayer, in faith and in good works?

Lesson for Sunday, September 26—Temperance Lesson. I Cor. x:23-33.

September 19th, 1909.

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Review.
Golden Text for the Quarter—So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed. Acts xix:20.

The following review can be used as a complete lesson in itself, or as a review of the eleven preceding lessons.

The date and title of each lesson and where found, the Golden Text, and one question from each lesson follow:

July 4—Acts xv:36 to xvi:15 Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Antioch to Philippi. Golden Text, Acts xvi:9. Come over into Macedonia and help us.

Verses 37-39—If a man shows lack of courage, or tact, or faithfulness, in one position, does that in any measure disqualify him from getting another, or from success when in another position?

July 11—Acts xvi:16-40. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—The Philippian Jailer. Golden Text, Acts xvi:31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

Verse 16—In what class do you put those who, knowingly, either directly or indirectly, profit by the sins of fallen women?

July 18—Acts xviii:1-15. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Thessalonica and Berea. Golden Text, Psalm cxix:11. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

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Verse 2—Is it necessary for us to adopt all Paul's opinions, deductions and prognostications, in order to be well pleasing to God?

July 25—Acts xvii:16-34. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Athens.

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Loans and discounts	\$79,503.47
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,435.08
Bonds, securities, etc.	24,238.53
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	11,000.00
Other real estate owned	1,414.97
Due from approved reserve banks	36,858.79
Checks and other cash items	4,071.92
Cash on hand	14,630.94
TOTAL	184,156.65
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	20,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,157.16
Dividends unpaid	100.00
Individual deposits subject to check	123,166.12
Demand certificates of deposit	2,052.09
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TOTAL	184,156.65

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